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## Chubb Classic

The TwinEagles Club (Talon) | Naples, Florida | February 16-18, 2018

### Second-Round Notes

Saturday, February 17, 2018

**Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,193 yards (R2 scoring average: 70.740, Cumulative: 70.703)

**Weather:** Sunny with a high in the mid-80s. Wind SSE in the morning, turning WSW in the afternoon at 6-12 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Joe Durant	-14	67-63 – 130
2	Steve Stricker	-13	68-63 – 131
3	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-12	64-68 – 132
4	Lee Janzen	-11	66-67 – 133
T5	Kevin Sutherland	-10	66-68 – 134
T5	Scott McCarron	-10	66-68 – 134

#### Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Tee Times](#) – Final-round tee times will run from 7:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. off the No. 1 tee
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)
- Golf Channel coverage – Sunday, 3-5 p.m. ET

#### Joe Durant, 67-63 – 130 (-14)

- Durant's second-round 63 was his fourth score of 63 or better in his PGA TOUR Champions career. It was his lowest round since he shot a final-round 63 en route to his victory at the 3M Championship in 2016. His career-best score was a 62 in the final round of the 2015 Toshiba Classic.
- His 36-hole total of 130 matches his career best (10-under 130 at the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic), and 14-under is his best 36-hole score in relation to par.
- This is the fourth time Durant has been a leader/co-leader entering the final round, and Sunday will mark the first time he starts as the solo leader.
- This is Durant's third start at the Chubb Classic, and he's coming off a T10 finish last year.
- In 2017, Durant played in Sunday's final group once. As a second-round co-leader, he shot a final-round 70 and finished T6 at the Boca Raton Championship.
- Durant has played 37 tournaments since his win at the 3M Championship in 2016. His other victory came at the 2015 Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge with teammate Billy Andrade.
- Last season, Durant posted seven top-10s and finished 16th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### Steve Stricker, 68-63 – 131 (-13)

- Stricker shot 9-under 63, the third time he has shot 63 in 18 rounds on PGA TOUR Champions, and all three times have occurred in the second round. He shot a second-round 63 en route to a runner-up finish at the 2017 Cologuard Classic, and he shot a second-round 63 en route to a T3 finish at the 2017 3M Championship.
- It was his 18th straight under-par round on PGA TOUR Champions. In 2017, all 16 of his rounds were under par, and his scoring average was 67.75.

- He played in Sunday's final group once in 2017. He was the second-round leader in his Tour debut at the Cologuard Classic in Tucson, Arizona, and he finished second after a bogey on the final hole.
- He tallied four top-five finishes in six starts last year, including a T3 finish at the American Family Insurance Championship in Madison, Wisconsin.
- Though this is Stricker's season debut on PGA TOUR Champions, it is his third straight week of competition. Two weeks ago, he finished T31 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, and last week he finished T26 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

#### **Miguel Angel Jimenez, 64-68 – 132 (-12)**

- Jimenez opened with an even-par 36, but closed with birdies on Nos. 10, 15, 16 and 17, and he made a 15-foot par putt on No. 18.
- For the second year in a row at the Chubb Classic, Jimenez will play in Sunday's final group. Last year, he led by one going into the final round, but he settled for a runner-up finish after a final-round 71.
- In 2017, he played in Sunday's final group four times. He finished solo second three times and won the Rapiscan Systems Classic in a playoff.
- After Jimenez opened the season with a fourth-place finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, he finished T19 at the European Tour's Omega Dubai Desert Classic. He finished T31 last week at the Boca Raton Championship.
- Jimenez has one win in each of his four seasons on PGA TOUR Champions. Last year, he tallied 10 top-10s en route to a sixth-place finish in the Charles Schwab Cup.

#### **Other Notes**

- Four of the top-10 players from last year's Charles Schwab Cup are in the top five after 36 holes.
  - **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (3rd, -12) – No. 6 in 2017 Charles Schwab Cup
  - **Lee Janzen** (4th, -11) – No. 8 in 2017 Charles Schwab Cup
  - **Kevin Sutherland** (T5, -10) – No. 1 in 2017 Charles Schwab Cup
  - **Scott McCarron** (T5, -10) – No. 3 in 2017 Charles Schwab Cup
- Two of the Chubb Classic's past champions are in the top 10, as **Lee Janzen** (2015 winner) is in fourth at 11-under, and **Kirk Triplett** (2014 winner) is T10 at 8-under. **Bernhard Langer** is the third past champion in the field, and he is T26 at 5-under.
- Langer's second-round 70 was his 35th straight round of par or better. The PGA TOUR Champions record is 38, set by Jay Haas (2014) and Colin Montgomerie (2016-17).
- **David Toms** is T10 after a second-round 68, his 12th consecutive round in the 60s (four last year, eight this year). He is the only player bogey free through 36 holes.
- Toms' fourth-place finish at last week's Boca Raton Championship was his fourth straight top-five dating back to last year. He finished 11th in the 2017 Charles Schwab Cup, and he is currently No. 3 in the standings.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Jerry Kelly** shot 3-over 75 on Saturday and is T47. The reigning Rookie of the Year won the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, his third win on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Fred Funk** withdrew Saturday due to a back injury.
- After completing the second round, **Jay Haas** withdrew due to a back injury.